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African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/113 of 9 December 1998 and all other relevant resolutions,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

Bearing in mind the urgent need to establish effective crime prevention strategies for Africa, as well as the importance of law enforcement agencies and the judiciary at the regional and subregional levels,

Taking note that the financial situation of the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders has greatly affected its capacity to deliver its services to African Member States in an effective and comprehensive manner,

1. *Commends* the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders for its efforts to promote and coordinate regional technical cooperation activities related to crime prevention and criminal justice systems in Africa;

2. *Reiterates* the need to strengthen further the capacity of the Institute to support national mechanisms for crime prevention and criminal justice in African countries;

3. *Urges* the States members of the Institute to make every possible effort to meet their obligations to the Institute;

4. *Calls upon* all Member States and the international community to adopt concrete practical measures, including by increasing their financial assistance, to support the Institute in the development of the requisite capacity to implement its programmes and activities aimed at strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice systems in Africa;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.
[1] A/54/340.

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5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify efforts to mobilize all relevant entities of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, to provide the necessary financial and technical support to the Institute to enable it to fulfil its mandate;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Institute with the core Professional staff required to enable it to function effectively in fulfilling its mandated obligations;

7. *Calls upon* the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme to work closely with the Institute;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enhance the promotion of regional cooperation, coordination and collaboration in the fight against crime, especially in its transnational dimension, which can not be dealt with adequately by national action alone;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make concrete proposals to strengthen the programmes and activities of the Institute and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.